

Department Proposed Recommendations For 2008-09 and 2009-10 Furbearer Seasons

The Department is proposing 7 changes to seasons as listed directly below:

1. Increase the Upper Snake regional otter quota to 15.
2. Increase the Magic Valley regional otter quota to 30.
3. Close beaver season in Willow Creek drainage, including all its' tributaries of Units 66 and 69 for beaver restoration.
4. Open Mink Creek for a controlled trapping permit of 10 beaver.
5. Add Toponce Creek to the Pebble Creek controlled trapping permit for beaver.
6. Open beaver trapping season on the Big Wood River below Magic Reservoir Dam, on Hailey Creek, Sheep Creek, and Cold Springs Creek.
7. Delete controlled trapping permit requirement for mink and muskrat on Niagara Springs, Hagerman, and Billingsley Creek Wildlife Management Areas.

A more detailed description (in bold) of the above proposed changes are listed below.

Badger*	July 1-June 30	All regions
Beaver	Nov. 1-March 31	Panhandle, Clearwater, Southwest and Magic Valley regions with regional exceptions.
	October 22-April 15	Southeast, Upper Snake and Salmon regions with regional exceptions.
Changes to Beaver Season Exceptions		
	<u>Magic Valley:</u>	All public lands within the following drainages: Big Wood river above Magic Valley Reservoir. Closed
	<u>Upper Snake:</u>	Bonneville County: Willow Creek and all of its tributaries in Units 66 and 69. Closed
	<u>Controlled Beaver Trapping Units</u>	Add Toponce Creek to Unit 204. Open trapping in Mink Creek under Unit 203. Units 201, 202 and 205. No change.
Bobcat*	December 14-February 16.	All regions
Fox*	October 15-January 31	Panhandle and Clearwater regions.
	July 1-June 30	Southwest, Magic Valley, Southeast, Upper Snake and Salmon regions, with regional exceptions.
Marten	November 1-January 31	All regions, with regional exceptions.

Mink	November 1-March 31	Panhandle, Clearwater, Southwest and Magic Valley regions, with regional exceptions.
	October 22-April 15	Southeast, Upper Snake, and Salmon.
Muskrat	November 1-March 31	All regions, with regional exceptions.
Otter	November 1-March 15	Panhandle, Clearwater, Southwest, and Magic Valley regions, with regional exceptions.
	October 22– March 15	Southeast, Upper Snake, and Salmon regions, with regional exceptions.
	Regional Otter Quotas	Panhandle-15 Clearwater-15 Southwest-30 Magic Valley- 30 Southeast-2 Upper Snake- 15 Salmon-15
	Individual Trapper Quota	2 otter Carcasses do not have to be turned into IDFG, except for otters harvested after regional quotas have been met or otters caught after a trapper's personal quota has been met.
Raccoon*	July 1-June 30	All regions.

* indicates species can also be hunted.

Trapping on WMAs: **Delete controlled trapping permit requirement for mink and muskrat trapping on Hagerman, Billingsley Creek and Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Areas.**

Trappers are required to register at WMA headquarters or regional office to trap on listed WMAs.

Reimbursement: \$10 for non-target caught fisher, wolverine, lynx, otter and bobcats.

Definition of Bait: Bait is any animal parts; except bleached bones or liquid scent is not considered bait.

Methods of Take: No person trapping furbearing animals or predatory or unprotected wildlife shall:

- Use for bait any part of a domestic or wild origin game bird, game animal, game fish, or protected nongame wildlife.
- Use live animals as bait or an attractant.
- Use any set within thirty (30) feet of any visible bait.
- Use a dirt hole set with bait unless the person ensures that the bait remains covered at all times to protect raptors and other meat-eating birds from being caught accidentally.